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Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health and Human Services
12420 Parklawn Dr., Room 1-23
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RE: docket number, 98P-0203/CP

May 22, 1999

Dear Administrators,

I am requesting the elimination of the practice of force molting layer hens. I am in support of a petition filed by United Poultry Concerns and the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights (see <http://arrs.envirolink.org/upc/980401moltrpt.html>). Forced molting is the cruel practice of withholding food for up to 2 weeks from egg laying hens. As a result of this stress and trauma, hundreds of thousands of birds die a torturous death by starvation. Survivors shed all their feathers, and lose up to 35 percent of their body weight. The "benefits" of profit ARE NOT JUSTIFIED for the immense cruelty inflicted on these creatures. How can such torture be legal?

Compare the philosophy of our poultry industry to other countries. Forced molting is so cruel that in 1987 it was banned in Great Britain and most European countries limit the length of food deprivation to a single day during a forced molt.

Please, stop this barbaric practice and make the poultry industry use more humane and responsible methods.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

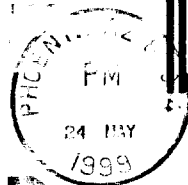


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